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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A plastics film composed of rigid polyvinyl chloride as backing film for a single- or multilayer, adhesive-bondable sleeve label which can be applied by adhesive bonding and shrinking onto a peripheral surface of a cylindrical body, wherein the plastics film has been stretched in the machine direction of a calender, and has a positive heat shrinkage of from about 40 to 60 %.

2. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 1, wherein perpendicularly to the machine direction of the calender the negative heat shrinkage of the plastics film is from about 0 to 10 %.

3. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 1, wherein perpendicularly to the machine direction of the calender the plastics film has a positive heat shrinkage of from about 0 to 2 %.

4. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heat shrinkage in that direction of the plastics film running parallel to the machine direction of the calender takes place over a period of 15 minutes at a temperature of from about 115 to 125 °C.

5. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heat-stretching value for the plastics film perpendicularly to the machine direction of the calender is about zero.

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6. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 2, which has, perpendicularly to the machine direction of the calender, a negative heat shrinkage of from about 0 to 10 % over a period of about 5 minutes at a temperature of from about 115 to 125°C.

7. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 1, whose thickness is from about 22.5 to 66 μm .

8. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 1, whose width is up to about 2010 mm.

9. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the number of holes with a diameter of from about 2 to 6 mm is smaller than or equal to about ten per 1 000 m^2 of film surface.

10. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the number of holes with a diameter of from greater than about 6 to 50 mm is smaller than or equal to about five per 1 000 m^2 of film surface.

11. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 1, which has been calendered and stretched longitudinally, that is in the machine direction of a calender, and which has been transversely set during the longitudinal stretching.

12. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 1, which is glass-clear.

13. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 1, which has been colored white.

14. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 1, which comprises a lubricant for improving its processability.

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5. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 11, whose upper or lower side comprises a metallizing layer composed of aluminum or of another metal or of a metal alloy, said metal or metal alloy selected from the group of copper, brass, bronze and alloys thereof.

16. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 7, which is a monofilm whose thickness is about 50 or about 60 μm , the thickness tolerance in each case being $\pm 10\%$.

17. (Original) The plastics film as claimed in claim 7, whose thickness is about 25, about 35, or about 37 μm , wherein in each case a protective covering film composed of rigid polyvinyl chloride, with a thickness of about 25, about 20, and, respectively, from about 10 to 20 μm has been applied by lamination to the upper side of the plastics film.

18. (Canceled) Please cancel Claim 18.

19. (Canceled) Please cancel Claim 19.

20. (Canceled) Please cancel Claim 20.

21. (Canceled) Please cancel Claim 21.